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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2769  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 14114

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLAB, ILO  
SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE:  
CRITICAL ISSUES

REF: STATE 102699 AND SUBSEQUENT

1. I BEGAN EMBASSY'S EFFORT TO SECURE GOF  
COOPERATION FOR ILC BY CARRYING OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTION  
MAY 12 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL  
SOUTOU. AFTER I REVIEWED THE LIST OF CRITICAL  
ISSUES FACING US IN GENEVA, SOUTOU SAID THAT THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ALREADY BEGUN ITS PLANNING  
FOR THE ILC IN CONJUNCTION WITH FRENCH CHIEF  
DELEGATE GABRIEL VENTEJOL. ON THE ISRAELI ISSUE,  
SOUTOU SAID THAT FRENCH WILL INSIST ON THE STRICT  
APPLICATION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE RULES  
OF EVIDENCE. ON THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17,  
SOUTOU SAID THAT WHILE THE GOF DELEGATION MAY  
INDULGE IN ITS USUAL NITPICKING OVER LANGUAGE,  
THEY AGREE WITH THE US ON THE FUNDAMENTALS. FRANCE  
WILL ALSO JOIN WITH US IN RESISTING CHANGES IN THE  
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ILO'S STATUTES DESIGNED TO AUGMENT THE VOTING POWER  
OF THE LDC'S. SOUTOU SUMMED UP OUR DISCUSSION BY  
NOTING THAT THERE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE ANY PROBLEMS  
BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE ON THE CRITICAL ISSUES  
IN THE ILC. HE SAID IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF ALL  
OTHER ISSUES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE  
COULD RESULT IN SUCH A HIGH DEGREE OF ACCORD.

2. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF RECENT HISTORY, I  
SHARE SOUTOU'S OPTIMISM REGARDING THE GOF'S LIKELY  
APPROACH TO THE ILC, BUT WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH  
VENTEJOL AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR TO MAKE SURE  
THERE ARE NO LOOSE ENDS.  
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